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Contributions to OCI Periodic Requirements List for Latin America  
for the period 1 January - 30 April 1959

Argentina

In the recent past Argentina has made considerable shipments of boron (International List I) to various countries of the Sino-Soviet Bloc. At the request of the United States the Argentinian Government has agreed to discontinue this trade with the Bloc except for such exceptions as may be made for Poland and which will be cleared with the United States prior to shipment.

(a) Provide information on shipments of boron from Argentina which may be going directly or indirectly to the Sino-Soviet Bloc. Supply all details such as quantities, costs, routing, and names of all participants to these transactions.

(b) Provide information on discussions or actions within the Argentinian Government regarding boron.

Brazil

Continuing reports are received concerning the movement of Brazilian radio-grade quartz (International List I) to the Sino-Soviet Bloc. These reports usually indicate that such shipments are made by the KLM airlines through Switzerland.

(a) Provide information on the movement of radio-grade quartz to the Sino-Soviet Bloc giving information as to quantities, costs, routing, and participants to these transactions.

(b) Provide information on discussions or actions within the Brazilian Government regarding radio-grade quartz.

Cuba

The U. S. Bureau of Foreign Commerce is currently conducting extensive investigations of the diversion of gravity meters and other

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electronic materials through Cuba to the Sino-Soviet Bloc. Known participants in these diversions are: Alexander Botex GOMBOA, Geneva; Jose PEREZ Fernandez and Ventura MONTES Martinez both of the firm, MONTE SYSTEM, Havana, Cuba.

(a) Provide information on the transactions referred to above and to the activities of the group participating in these transactions. Describe in detail the items moving, quantities, costs, routing, and the participants to the transactions.

(b) Provide information on the attitudes and activities of Cuban Government officials with respect to diversions of strategic materials to the Sino-Soviet Bloc through Cuba.

Mexico

Reports have recently been received concerning the diversion of electronic materials to the Sino-Soviet Bloc through Mexico.

(a) Provide information on such diversions of strategic materials including descriptions of the items, quantities, costs, routing, and participants to the transactions.

(b) Provide information on the attitudes and activities of the Mexican Government officials with respect to such diversions.

Uruguay

*Priority*  
Reports have recently been received stating that U. S. origin materials have been diverted to the Sino-Soviet Bloc through Uruguay.

(a) Provide information on the diversions referring to above including descriptions of items, quantities, costs, routing, and participants.

(b) Provide information as to the attitudes of Uruguayan Government officials with respect to diversions of these materials to the Sino-Soviet Bloc through Uruguay.

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